

At Wistanstow we use Pearson Bug Club to teach synthetic phonics. Children begin phonics as soon as they start Reception and it is taught daily within their class. Any additional support required is delivered in small groups.

Pupils gain an awareness of sounds through stories, rhymes and games before moving on to link letters and sounds. There are many sounds to learn and they are taught in a systematic way from Reception to the end of Key Stage 1.

Language we'll be using at school

Phonemes: The sounds that are found within a word.

Grapheme: A way of writing down a phoneme.

Digraph: Two letters that make one sound when we read.

Trigraph: Three letters that make one sound when we read.

Segmenting: Breaking up a word into sounds in order to spell it.

Blending: Putting the sounds together to read a word.

Tricky Words: Words that cannot be easily segmented and blended.

Phonics



Bug Club

All children should be reading their school book at least 3 – 4 times per week. We know that this can be tricky with busy lifestyles but even 10 minutes can really help your child make progress in reading and writing.

In Class 1 we teach phonics daily for 30 minutes. Children will apply their new skills when reading books from the Bug Club scheme using sounds they have learned. The class teacher will assess the children's progress regularly to decide when to move up to the next level.

If you would like any further information or resources, do not hesitate to ask the class teacher!